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Re:

U.S. Utility Patent Application

Appl. No. 09/829,066; filed April 10, 2001

For: Method for Isolating and Recovering Target DNA or RNA Molecules

**Having a Desired Nucleotide Sequence** 

Inventors: Nisson et al.

Our Ref: 0942.4800002/RWE/ALS

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17);
- 2. Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/30);
- 3. Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1);
- 4. Return postcard; and
- 5. Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$1,720.00 to cover:

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necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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## FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

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|    | First Named Inventor               | Paul E. Nisson                             | DEC 0 1 2003 LL               |  |  |  |  |  |
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